

July 2, 2004

Mr. Christopher J. Morse
Federal Election Commission
999 E St., NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Morse:

This letter is in response to the RFAI dated June 2, 2004 regarding the 2003 December Monthly Report (11/01/03-11/30/03).

1. Salaries and wages for those employees of the Illinois Republican Party which spent more than 25 percent of their compensated time in a given month on FEA were reported on Schedule B line 21(b) for Non-allocable disbursements in error. The salaries and wages have been moved to Schedule B line 30(b).
2. Schedule B supporting line 21(b) of the report discloses payments for "Telemarketing Services", "Direct Mail Services", and "Postage" totaling \$5,594.26. The disbursements for "Direct Mail Services" and "Postage" totaling \$4,279.26 are for Non-FEA fundraising expenses for the Party and because these expenses do not meet the definition of FEA under 11 CFR 100.24, they are itemized on the proper line and no amendment is necessary. To clarify the nature of these expenses, however, the "purpose" of these entries has been expanded to include "Non-FEA" for these expenses. The disbursement for "Telemarketing Services" in the amount of \$1,315.00 does meet the definition of FEA under 11 CFR 100.24 and has been moved to Schedule B line 30(b). This disbursement does not however contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR 100.22.
3. Schedule H4 supporting line 21(a) disclosing payments for "Employee Tax", "Health Insurance", and "Unemployment Tax" has been adjusted so that the amount of these expenses that are attributable to employees of the Illinois Republican Party who spend more than 25 percent of their compensated time in a given month on FEA has been moved to line 30(b). The amount of these payments that were attributable to employees who spent less than 25 percent of their compensated time in a given month on FEA has been adjusted to 100 percent Non-federal on Schedule H4 supporting line 21(a).

If you should require additional information regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 217/525-0011.

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